

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this patent application. New claims 13-14 are added, which are directed to further inventions. In addition, claim 1 is amended to delete the word "slightly," and claims 3, and 6-11 are amended to depend from new claim 13, instead of the claims to which they previously depended. Also, claim 5 was amended into dependent form from its original multiple dependent form and new claim 15 was added. Support for these amendments is found throughout the originally filed application. Accordingly, no new matter will be added to this application by entry of these amendments.

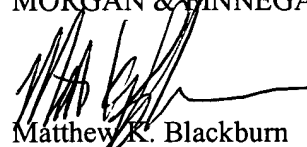
This application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5118.

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